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FDA Commissioner Jane Henney Food & Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Room 14-71 Rockville MD 20857

Dear Ms. Henney:

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I am alarmed to learn of the types of products which are still being allowed for use in animal feed and pet foods. Some of these products can transmit Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopaties and other diseases. Dead pigs, horses, and other animals should not be fed to other farm animals as each such dead animal cannot be tested for its safety in consumption. Cows, in particular, are not natural meat eaters, and they above all should not be fed other dead animals.

Please act promptly on the petition presented to the FDA by the Humane Farming Association for the cessation of these unsafe practices. Do not follow in the footsteps of the federal agencies which paid heed to big tobacco money rather than to public health concerns — do not be bought off by agribusiness on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this appeal.

Sincerely,

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